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Speech 'a reminder' to party members

UMNO Supreme Council Member Datuk Dr Jamaluddin Jarjis said the presidential speech was a reminder to party members to work on re-engineering the party so that it would continue to become relevant to the Malays, especially in the future.

He said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad only wanted to ensure that Umno continued to remain as the party for the Malays.

"To attract support, particularly from the young, Umno needs to be repackaged. It needs to continue its good performance and fight for the Malay cause," he added.

Although the issue had been stressed by the party president time and time again, he said it did not mean that the current leaders were not moving in that direction.

"As a leader, it is natural for him to continue to remind members so that they will not forget Umno's struggle," he said.

Malacca Chief Minister Datuk Wira Mohd Ali Rustam said Dr Mahathir also stressed on the new approaches being adopted by the party to attract the young and to fulfil the needs of members as well as rakyat in general.

He said that it was important for the party to find new approaches if it wanted to change.

Tambun divisional head Datuk Husni Hanadzlah said that he agreed with Dr Mahathir's point on the need to eliminate money politics as leaders had access to many things.

"If one practises money politics, there is be a possibility he will continue to do so should he be in Government," he said.

"If money politics persist, others may think it is okay to use money to get things done."

Husni said the party president needed to remind members on such matter as there was a possibility that a small number of people continue to practise it.

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